

CLAIMS

1. An apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens and comprising a plug, characterized in that it comprises at least one means such that after the interlocking of this apparatus any access to the contents of this apparatus necessarily brings about a physical transformation, that is irreversible and can be ascertained by the naked eye, of this container (and not of the plug), which physical transformation consists, e.g., but not necessarily, of a rupture or a tear of this means.

2. The apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens according to Claim 1, characterized in that this security device can be interlocked at any moment at the will of the user.

3. The apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens according to Claim 1, characterized in that this means is integral with this apparatus.

4. The apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens according to Claim 1, characterized in that this means is a divisible clamp.

5. The apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens according to Claim 1, characterized in that this apparatus can not be disassociated from the container.

6. The apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens according to Claim 1, characterized in that the interlocking of this apparatus is made by irreversibly driving the container into this apparatus.

7. The apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens according to Claim 1, characterized in that this apparatus and this container are made of different materials.

8. The apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens according to Claim 1, characterized in that this apparatus is composed of a material that allows the engraving of an indelible and unitary identification.

9. The apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens according to Claim 8, characterized in that this apparatus is composed of a material that allows the reading of the elevated contrast engraving.

10. The apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens according to Claim 1, characterized in that the means is a tongue that can be integrated in a definitive and non-replaceable manner with the apparatus and the plug.

11. The apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens according to Claim 1, characterized in that this integration of the tongue is carried out with an adhesive band that can not be violated by tearing.

12. The apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens according to Claim 1, characterized in that this integration of the tongue is carried out by a welding.

13. The apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens according to Claim 1, characterized in that this apparatus also comprises a housing that allows the insertion of a physical element containing at least one piece of information associated with the contents.

14. The apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens according to Claims 8 and 13, characterized in that this insertion is carried out without masking this identification engraving and in an irreversible manner.

15. The apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens according to Claim 13, characterized in that this insertion is carried out in an irreversible manner.